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Memorandum

TO: Commission

DATE: December 10, 2009

FR: Legislation Committee

W. I.: 1131

RE: Committee Recommendations

The Legislation Committee met on December 11 and referred three items to the Commission for approval:

1. **Final 2010 Legislative Program**

The program sets legislative priorities for 2010 in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

Committee Recommendation: Approve the 2010 Legislative Program.

2. **S. 1619 (Dodd): The Livable Communities Act of 2009**

This bill seeks to authorize \$4.1 billion in funds to provide capital and planning grants to support sustainable development, defined as providing 1) a variety of safe and reliable transportation choices; 2) providing affordable, energy-efficient housing choices for people of all income levels; 3) promoting economic development; and 4) preserving the environment.

Committee Recommendation: Support S. 1619 (Dodd) and seek amendment to assign the grant-making role to the FTA, rather than HUD.

3. **S. 584 (Harkin)/H.R. 1443 (Matsui): The Complete Streets Act of 2009**

These bills seek to require state departments of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations to adopt complete streets policies for new roadway and bridge construction and reconstruction projects.

Committee Recommendation: Support both bills.